

AMEND Senate Bill No. 3225

House Bill No. 3142*

by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section immediately following the existing Section 30 and renumbering subsequent sections appropriately:

SECTION ___. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-307(i), is amended by deleting that subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(i)(1) Claims that were timely filed against state employees with a court of competent jurisdiction and that fall within the jurisdiction of the claims commission found in subsection (a)(1)(A) shall be dismissed as to the state employees and transferred to the division of claims administration to proceed as a claim against the state provided that the state employees alleged to have acted negligently were, at the time of the incident giving rise to the claim, operating a private motor vehicle within the scope of the employees' office or employment, and the employees' action or inaction was not willful, malicious, criminal or done for personal gain. When a motion for transfer is made the court shall require that notice be given the attorney general and the state shall be permitted to intervene and respond to the motion. Upon such transfer, the claim shall be considered timely filed with the division of claims administration and the claims commission. Such transfer shall be effected upon an order of dismissal and transfer from the court. Any such transfer must be made within one (1) year of the filing of the original complaint with the court or the passage of this act, whichever is later. Such claims shall be considered by the division of claims administration and the claims commission, as provided by law. This subsection shall be effective for causes of action

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arising on or after July 1, 1995, pending at the time of passage of this act and causes of action arising on or after the effective date of this act.

(2) Claims which are transferred to the division of claims administration pursuant to this subdivision shall be investigated by the division of claims administration, acted upon or transferred by the division, and acted upon by the claims commission pursuant to the same statutory requirements and procedures as apply to claims originally filed with the division of claims administration.

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